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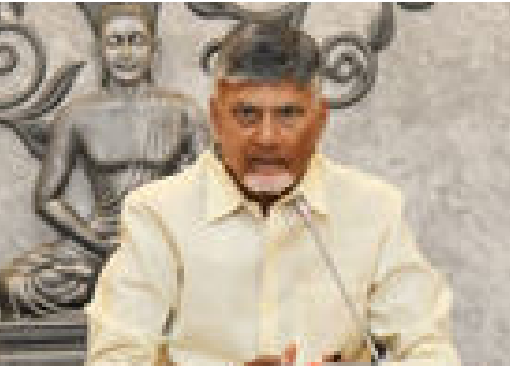
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New Railway Line to Link Amaravati with Major Cities and Ports - CM Chandrababu



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh's capital city, Amaravati, received a significant boost with the Union Cabinet's approval of the Amaravati Railway Line project. This new 57 km railway line, with an expenditure allocation of Rs. 2,245 crore, is set to improve connectivity between Amaravati and other key cities in the region. The project is expected to be completed within four years.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the central government for approving the project. Addressing the media, Chandrababu stated, "This railway line will connect Amar-

avati with cities like Guntur and Vijayawada, and will further link the capital with all other state capitals across the country."

The Chief Minister also highlighted the scenic nature of the project, as the railway line will pass over the Krishna River. He made an appeal to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to construct an iconic bridge over the Krishna River as part of the railway project. "An iconic bridge will not only enhance connectivity but also serve as a landmark for the region," he added.

Chandrababu praised the central government's swift action in moving the project forward and reiterated his commitment to making Amaravati one of the best cities in India. He acknowledged the Center's ongoing support for building the city's infrastructure, which has been key to Amaravati's growth.

The Amaravati Railway Line is expected to significantly enhance the city's connectivity, boosting economic growth and making it a hub for regional and national travel.

YS Jaganmohan Reddy Visited Diarrhea-Affected Villages in Vizianagaram

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Central Cabinet Approves New Railway Line Connectivity to Amaravati with Rs. 2,245 Crore Expenditure



TPN, New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), Chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved two major railway projects with a total estimated cost of Rs. 6,798 crore. These projects, spanning Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Bihar, will add approximately 313 km to the existing Indian Railways network.

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, held a virtual press conference from Rail Bhawan, New Delhi. He announced the construction of a 57 km new railway line between Errupalem and Namburu via Amaravati, with an estimated expenditure of Rs. 2,245 crore. This line will enhance connectivity between Amaravati and major cities like Hyderabad, Chennai, Bangalore, Mumbai, and



- Ayodhya to Sitamarhi (birthplace of Lord Buddha)
- Faster movement of foodgrains, fertilizers, etc.
- Project length: 256 km
- Estimated Cost: Rs 4,553 Cr
- Employment generation: 87 lakh man-days
- CO2 emissions saved: 162 Cr Kg CO2

Kolkata. The project is expected to be completed in four years and will generate approximately 19 lakh man-days of employment.

Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Modi for approving this long-awaited project, which will benefit the people of Andhra Pradesh and boost Amaravati's development. He also requested the Railway Ministry to construct an

iconic rail bridge over the Krishna River as part of the project.

Shri K. Pawan Kalyan, Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, emphasized the environmental benefits of the project, noting that the reduction in CO2 emissions would be equivalent to planting 25 lakh trees.

Other dignitaries, including Shri K. Ram Mohan Naidu, Union Minister for Civil Aviation, and Smt. D. Purandeshwari, MP from Rajahmundry, lauded the Union Government's commitment to Andhra Pradesh's growth, highlighting the Polavaram project and other ongoing developments.

The new railway line will enhance access to religious sites, ports, and major cities, further contributing to the state's economic development.

"Family Quarrels Happen in Every House - Jagan"



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former Chief Minister and YSRCP Chief Jagan Mohan Reddy visited Gurla in the Vijayanagaram district, where he met with the families affected by a recent outbreak of diarrhea. During his visit, Jagan took the opportunity to once again criticize the coalition government, accusing them of engaging in diversionary tactics instead of addressing people's issues.

Jagan emphasized that family quarrels are common in every household and cautioned against using such personal matters for political gain. He stated that focusing on private disputes is not the solution and urged politicians to pay more attention to the problems faced by the public.

In a direct attack, Jagan reiterated his criticism of Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, referring to him as an "adopted son," a jab aimed at Kalyan's political affiliations. Jagan expressed frustration with what he called the coalition government's tendency to deflect public attention from real issues by bringing up his name.

"These diversionary politics must stop. It's time the government started delivering on its promises," Jagan said, calling for an end to the government's strategy of shifting focus from pressing issues in the state.

"YS Sharmila Emphasizes Resolving Family Disagreements Privately, Not Publicly"



YS Sharmila Criticizes Jagan for Dragging Family Disputes to Court

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: APCC Chief YS Sharmila Reddy expressed her dismay over YS Jaganmohan Reddy's handling of family disputes, stating that internal family matters should not be publicly aired or taken to court. Speaking on Thursday, Sharmila stressed that disagreements within families should be resolved privately, behind closed doors, and not in the public domain.

"We do not mean to quarrel, we know how to settle matters amicably," she said, referring to the ongoing legal disputes involving Jagan's mother and sister. "But Jagan sir has taken this too far by dragging his mother and sister to court, claiming this is common and happens in all families. This is not a simple matter," she emphasized.

Sharmila's comments come in the wake of growing tensions within the YS family, with legal battles adding fuel to political controversies. She highlighted the emotional toll such public disputes can have on families, urging that such issues be dealt with in private.

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DCM Pawan Kalyan Welcomes Amaravati Railway Project, State Needs This Railway Line

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan expressed his delight over the Central Government approval of the Amaravati Link Railway project, which will cost Rs. 2,245 crores for the construction of a 57-kilometer railway line. He emphasized that this railway line is crucial for the state's development and will significantly boost Andhra Pradesh's economy.



Pawan Kalyan expressed his gratitude to the central government for supporting this project, which will also feature a 3.2-kilometer bridge over the Krishna River. He highlighted

that the new railway line will provide Amaravati with essential connectivity to major cities across India. Additionally, linking Machilipatnam, Krishnapatnam, and Kakinada ports is expected to further enhance the state's economic prospects. The project is anticipated to be completed within four years.

Home Minister Anitha Criticizes Jagan for Betraying His Family

Claims YCP Leaders Are Leaving Due to Lack of Trust in Jagan

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Home Minister Anita launched a sharp attack on YCP chief Jaganmohan Reddy, asserting that her previous comments about Jagan's treatment of his mother and sister were accurate. She claimed that Jagan's own party members no longer trust him, leading to key figures like Vasireddy Padma leaving the party.



of Jagan's sister, Y.S. Sharmila, who once conducted a padayatra to support him. "Sharmila worked tirelessly for Jagan, but now we find ourselves protecting their mother and sister," she remarked.

Speaking about Jagan's alleged betrayal, Anita stated, "I had predicted that one day Jagan would file a case against his mother and sister, and now that day has come." She also accused him of prioritizing his political ambitions over his family, even going so far as to say he had a hand in his father's death to secure the Chief Minister's seat.

She added that the growing exodus from YCP is due to party leaders losing faith in Jagan's leadership. "Even their own leaders, like Vasireddy Padma, are leaving because they no longer trust him," Anita said, suggesting that YCP leaders are increasingly aligning with TDP.

The Home Minister concluded by criticizing Jagan for visiting victims in Vizianagaram District only for political gain, accusing him of ignoring atrocities committed during his time in power.

Anita also reflected on the efforts

Mrs. Anuradha IPS (Retd) Takes a Charges as New APPSC Chairman



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Mrs. Anuradha IPS (Retd.) has officially taken charge as the new Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC), following her appointment by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh. The ceremony took place at the D Building office of H. Surya Rao Peta Police Station, where she assumed her new responsibilities.

In a gesture of congratulations, N.T.R. District Police Commissioner, Shri S.V. Raja Shekhara Babu IPS, visited Mrs. Anuradha IPS (Retd.) at her office and presented her with a flower bouquet to mark the occasion. This marks an important step in the functioning of APPSC under her leadership.

Rammohan Naidu Responded Threatening Calls to Flights

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu responded to the alarming rise in threatening calls to airlines, revealing that over 250 flights have received such threats in just 11 days. On Thursday alone, 70 flights across the country were targeted, causing significant concern in the aviation sector.

Naidu assured the public that all the threatening calls have been determined to be false. He emphasized that aviation safety remains the top priority and that legal measures are being implemented to address the issue effectively. The minister announced plans to amend existing laws to include individuals who make threats against flights in the no-fly list.

He stated that the government is working on legal changes to impose life imprisonment on those responsible for making threatening calls or posting threats on social media. Currently, there are laws in place regarding punishments for threats made on flights, but Naidu indicated the need for similar provisions to be applicable for threats made outside of aviation settings.

Last week, numerous flights were diverted due to these threats, and each incident is being thoroughly analyzed for appropriate action. Naidu confirmed that the investigations into these threatening calls are being conducted in collaboration with



the Home Department and other agencies. The recent series of bomb threats to domestic flights, involving carriers such as Air India, Vistara, Indigo, and Aakash Air, has caused considerable disturbance in the aviation industry.

Nara Lokesh Met Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang, Discusses AI Collaboration

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh's Education, IT, and Electronics Minister, Nara Lokesh, held a key meeting with Jensen Huang, the CEO of Nvidia, one of the world's leading artificial intelligence (AI) computing companies, in Mumbai today. The discussion centered around integrating AI technology into governance and education in Andhra Pradesh.



ogy is expected to bring in the coming years, particularly in areas like speech recognition, medical imaging, and data management. Huang's Nvidia is a global leader in AI-driven computing, offering advanced tools and algorithms that are being used in industries ranging from healthcare to logistics.

During the meeting, Lokesh emphasized his priority to harness AI technology for improving and expediting governance services in the state. He highlighted the potential of AI in enhancing the quality of public services, citing its application in various fields such as healthcare and supply chain management. Lokesh also sought Huang's support and guidance in establishing an AI University in Amaravati, the state's new capital, with a vision to position Andhra Pradesh as a leader in AI education and research.

This high-level meeting marks an important step for Andhra Pradesh in its mission to integrate AI into its governance and education sectors. Nvidia's collaboration could accelerate the state's initiatives in AI, making Andhra Pradesh a hub for cutting-edge technology and innovation.

Nvidia, with a market valuation of \$3.5 trillion, is at the forefront of AI advancements. Its CEO, Jensen Huang, is currently ranked as the 11th richest person in the world, according to Bloomberg's latest report.

This meeting sets the stage for a promising partnership between Andhra Pradesh and Nvidia.

Handloom Cooperative Societies Elections Soon – Minister Savitha

AP Govt Focused on Handloom Sector's Development

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Handloom and Textiles Minister, S. Savitha, announced that elections for handloom cooperative societies will be conducted soon. During a review meeting with district officials at the Handloom and Textiles Commissionerate in Mangalagiri, the minister emphasized the formation of new co-operative societies and the revitalization of dormant ones.



workers during the last election. She noted that the government plans to exempt GST on handwoven garments and provide market facilities and training for weavers to modernize their craft. Additionally, a cashless insurance facility will be introduced for weavers, allowing them access to medical treatment.

Minister Savitha highlighted Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's commitment to fulfilling the promises made to handloom

As part of efforts to support the handloom sector, the government will provide 200 units of free electricity for looms and 500 units for larger setups. Weavers will also benefit from a 15 percent subsidy on yarn.

The minister assured that all schemes implemented between 2014-19 would continue, and loans would be available to weavers through the Mudra loan scheme.

The development of existing textile parks and the establishment of a new textile park in Chira were also highlighted as part of the government's agenda. Minister Savitha directed district authorities to conduct awareness programs to inform weavers about these initiatives and submit reports on the damage caused by recent heavy rains.

Handloom and Textile Commissioner Rekha Rani, Additional Director Srikanth Prabhakar, and other officials attended the meeting.

YS Jaganmohan Reddy Visited Diarrhea-Affected Villages in Vizianagaram

TPN, Vizianagaram: Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party (YCP) Chief, YS Jaganmohan Reddy, visited the villages of Vizianagaram district following a severe diarrhea outbreak in Gurla mandal. The outbreak reportedly claimed the lives of around 10 people, while several others remain under treatment in local hospitals.

During his visit, Jagan met with the grieving families and assured them of support, offering financial assistance of Rs. 2 lakh per family on behalf of the YCP. He expressed concern over the lack of proper healthcare facilities and criticized the current coalition government for its inability to manage the crisis effectively.

Jagan also accused the ruling government



of hiding the true death toll, alleging that a total of 14 people had succumbed to the outbreak. He further criticized the administration for its neglect, claiming that the once well-maintained village secretariats established during the YCP regime had

deteriorated under the new government.

In a press interaction, confusion arose among the crowd, and Jagan showed signs of frustration with the people and the police, questioning whether he should continue addressing the media. However, after intervention from local YCP leaders, he resumed his statements.

Jagan accused the current government of attempting to privatize medical colleges set up during his tenure, expressing concern over the state's declining healthcare system. He also highlighted that diversion politics and family quarrels are being used by his opponents to distract from real issues, further criticizing the government's handling of the situation.

Minister Mandipalli Ram Prasad Reddy Fired on Jagan Leadership

TPN, Mangalagiri: In a media conference held at the TDP Central Office, Minister Mandipalli Ram Prasad Reddy delivered a sharp critique of YS Jaganmohan Reddy's leadership and his recent remarks about Nara Lokesh. Reddy praised Lokesh's work and highlighted the failures of Jagan's governance, particularly in areas of law and order and women's safety.

Jagan's Incompetence vs. Lokesh's Leadership: Reddy stated that Jagan is "not even fit for Lokesh's toe," accusing him of arrogance and pointing out that Lokesh possesses none of Jagan's negative traits. He praised Lokesh for his continuous efforts toward the state's development and the welfare of its people.

Jagan's Mismanagement of Law & Order: Reddy ridiculed Jagan's comments on law and order, noting that over 2 lakh women have been victims of sexual violence during Jagan's fiveyear rule. "Jagan didn't speak up even once for women," he said, contrasting this with the swift action taken under the current coalition government to punish criminals.

Chandrababu and Lokesh's Developmental Vision: The minister underscored that the state can only thrive under the leadership of Chandrababu

Naidu and Nara Lokesh. He emphasized that their administration is actively delivering on promises like pensions, free sand, and infrastructure projects in villages. Reddy highlighted Lokesh's contributions, including over 25,000 kilometers of rural roads and bringing TCS to Vizag, which will create around 10,000 jobs.

Challenge to Jagan: Reddy challenged Jagan to substantiate any of his allegations against Lokesh. He said Jagan's attempts to provoke supporters during his visits from Bengaluru were "shameful."

In closing, Reddy urged the public to reject the false propaganda of the YSRCP and support the coalition government's focus on welfare and development.



Somireddy Criticized on Jaganmohan Reddy Over Family Property Dispute

Accuses Jagan of Betraying His Own Family for Political Gain

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a fiery media address at the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) headquarters in Mangalagiri, Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy launched a blistering attack on Andhra Pradesh Former Chief Minister Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy. Somireddy accused Jagan of blackmailing his own mother and sister over family property, calling it an act of political selfishness and deceit.

Somireddy criticized Jagan for filing a complaint with the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) to cancel the gift deeds of properties given to his mother and sister. "Jaganmohan Reddy is using his own family to gain political advantage, betraying his mother and sister just to safeguard his position," Somireddy claimed, questioning Jagan's morals.

Drawing comparisons between Jagan's behavior and that of ordinary citizens, Somireddy pointed out that "in our villages, we see families pledging assets for their children's weddings, while Jagan is forcing his mother and sister to surrender politically for his own gain." He further accused Jagan of dragging his late fa-



ther, Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, into ED and CBI cases, calling it proof of his "brutal mentality."

Somireddy also criticized Jagan for mishandling the Saraswati Power Company case, noting that the company, which acquired 1500 acres of land in 2009, failed to start operations until 2015. He questioned why the company was allowed to retain permits despite violating legal timelines and suggested a "cool settlement" where the property could be divided between Jagan, his sister, and the affected farmers.

In a broader criticism, Somireddy accused Jagan of amassing vast wealth through illegal means, placing him among the richest political families in the country. He lamented that despite looting public property, Jagan had betrayed his own family and was now facing desertion from key YCP leaders, including Vasireddy Padma.

Somireddy concluded by urging the government to investigate all aspects of the issue, calling for justice for the people whose lands were taken.

MLC Panchumurthy Anuradha Slams Jaganmohan Reddy, Challenges Him for Public Discussion

TPN, Mangalagiri: MLC Panchumurthy Anuradha launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Jaganmohan Reddy during a press conference held at the TDP central office in Mangalagiri on Thursday. She accused Reddy of being the most criminally inclined politician in Andhra Pradesh's history, citing multiple allegations of corruption, crimes, and mafia activities during his term from 2019 to 2024.

Anuradha alleged that Jaganmohan Reddy is involved in numerous scams, including land, sand, and liquor mafias, and criticized his administration for its role in youth unemployment and substance abuse issues. She also claimed that Reddy was responsible for driving away industries and pushing the youth toward drugs like ganja.

She sharply defended Nara Lokesh, praising his efforts to attract investments from companies like TCS and Foxconn, which aim to create jobs for thousands of young people. She criticized Reddy for attacking Lokesh and Home Minister Anita over the non-existent Disha Act, accusing Reddy of misleading the public with false claims about women's safety.

Anuradha also questioned Reddy's silence on incidents of violence against women, particularly one that occurred near his residence, and called him out for not supporting genuine women's safety measures. She emphasized that the TDP's coalition government is



making strides in projects like Amaravati and Polavaram, implementing welfare schemes, and working to eradicate the cannabis problem that has plagued the state.

The MLC concluded by challenging Jaganmohan Reddy to a public debate on his governance and warned him against making baseless allegations about Lokesh and former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Anuradha vowed that the coalition government would continue its efforts to root out corruption and serve the people of Andhra Pradesh.

Vijaya Sai Reddy Criticizes Chandrababu Failed to Protect the Vizag Steel Plant

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YCP Rajya Sabha member Vijayasai Reddy has firmly opposed the privatization of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, a decision backed by the central government. Criticizing Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Vijayasai accused him of failing to prevent the plant's privatization and misleading the public about the issue.

In a strong statement, Vijayasai Reddy declared that YCP stands against the privatization and is prepared to take extreme measures, including launching a hunger strike, to protect the plant. "I will do whatever it takes to save the Visakha Steel Plant, even if it means going on a hunger strike," he said.

Vijay Sai Reddy also commented on the



current political situation, Morethan 100 days into the new NDA government, public opposition has already started to grow. He criticized Chandrababu Naidu for not fulfilling the promises made during the election campaign.

Responding to allegations regarding his involvement in the NCC and Dasapalla land issues, Vijayasai Reddy firmly denied any connection. "I have nothing to do with those lands, and I have no objection if the government seizes them," he clarified.

Looking ahead, Vijayasai reddy announced plans to focus on strengthening the YCP in Uttarandhra. He emphasized the recent changes in regional coordinators and district presidents, which were made to restore the party's former glory in the region.

Varadhu Kalyani Slams Vasireddy Padma for Selfish Criticism of Jagan

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YCP MLC Varadhu Kalyani fiercely criticized former State Women's Commission Chairperson Vasireddy Padma, accusing her of selfishness and hypocrisy following her resignation from the YSR Congress Party (YCP). Kalyani's comments come in response to Padma's public criticism of YCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy, where she alleged poor leadership and mistreatment within the party.

Kalyani questioned Padma's motivations, highlighting the fact that she was given a cabinet rank and key positions in the party. "If Jagananna [Jagan] did not take care of party workers, how did she get the post of Women's Commission Chairperson?" Kalyani asked. She emphasized that those who worked for the party were rewarded with prominent roles, suggesting Padma's criticisms were driven by personal



interests rather than legitimate grievances.

"Jagananna gave her a cabinet rank post. If she had real issues with the party, she should have resigned while still in office," Kalyani said, adding that it was inappropriate for Padma to attack Jagan after benefiting from party positions.

Kalyani condemned what she described as "mudslinging" against YCP for political gain, stating, "Selfdeception should not be done for political selfishness. It's wrong to criticize the leader now, after enjoying the power and positions."

The remarks by both women have further intensified the internal friction within YCP, as the party navigates through dissent and leadership challenges.

Perni Nani Defends Jagan's Family Assets Amid TDP Criticism

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YCP leader Perni Nani has responded to the TDP's criticisms regarding the YS family's assets, claiming that the opposition party is politically threatened and resorting to personal attacks on Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy. During a press conference, Nani accused TDP leaders of ignoring serious issues affecting the state while sensationalizing matters related to Jagan's family.

Nani emphasized that Jagan's family assets are a product of legitimate transfers and business growth, insisting that the Chief Minister has always prioritized his family, particularly his sister, YS Sharmila. He stated, "Jagan wrote these assets out of love for his sister," countering claims that Jagan's actions against family members stem from personal grievances. Nani pointed out that while the TDP focuses on internal family matters, significant issues like atrocities against women in the state remain unaddressed.

He elaborated on the assets attributed to Jagan,



detailing properties and projects inherited or developed, including substantial land holdings in Banjara Hills and Idupulapaya, as well as stakes in various hydro power and entertainment companies. Nani suggested that the TDP's allegations are an attempt to distract from their inability to compete with Jagan politically, asserting that the party is "promoting Jagan's family affair as if there is a big earthquake."

Moreover, Nani highlighted a pattern of personal attacks from the TDP, accusing them of jealousy and an inability to confront Jagan's growing influence. He criticized TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu for exploiting family disputes for political gain, asking, "Did Chandrababu ever write shares in his assets to his sister?"

In closing, Nani reiterated that the YS family's assets are a testament to their success and resilience, attributing any familial conflicts to external political pressures rather than internal disputes.

Applications Invited for Fireworks Stores in Vijayawada - Municipal Commissioner

TPN, Vijayawada: The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) has announced that applications are now being accepted from licensed traders wishing to set up fireworks stalls in the city for the upcoming Diwali festival.

Municipal Commissioner Dhyan Chandra made the announcement on Thursday morning, inviting vendors to apply for the opportunity to operate their stalls from October 29 to October 31, 2024. The designated locations for these fireworks shops include the space allocated for the stadium in Labor Colony Nandu and the Makineni Basava Punnaiah Municipal Corporation Stadium in Singh Nagar.

Traders interested in participating in this initiative can submit their applications during regular office hours from October 24 to October 28, 2024, with a deadline of 2 PM on the final day.

A lottery will be conducted on October 28 at 3 PM to allocate the stalls among the applicants in the presence of all



participants.

For further information, vendors are advised to contact the Civil Relations Officer at the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation.

This initiative aims to facilitate the festive celebrations while ensuring organized and regulated sales of fireworks in the city during Diwali.

Parents Express Concerns Over Vijayawada GGH Facilities

Urge Authorities to Avoid a Calcutta-like Crisis

TPN, V.V.S. MadhuBabu:

In Vijayawada, Parents of medical students have raised concerns over the deteriorating conditions at Vijayawada Government General Hospital (GGH), likening the situation to the infamous conditions at R G Kar Medical College in Kolkata. Their primary concern revolves around inadequate hospital infrastructure, including incomplete new buildings, overcrowded wards, and the lack of enough beds, forcing two patients to share one bed, particularly in the casualty ward.



The parents have pleaded with authorities to take swift action to improve the hospital's capacity and services, urging them to build necessary infrastructure on any available land within the hospital premises rather than investing in facilities that serve little practical purpose for patient care.

Concerns have also been raised about the construction of a new guest house near the UG and PG girls' hostels, the nursing hostel, and just 50 feet away from the first-year girls' hostel. Parents and students are apprehensive about the guest house's proximity to these student accommodations, fearing potential unethical activities and safety risks for students, particularly those who have night duties.

The construction of the guest house, which parents claim is unnecessary, has also led to frustrations over the misuse of funds. Many are questioning why significant resources are being spent on guest accommodations and a canteen for doctors when the hospital is struggling to meet the basic needs of patients.

Parents have urged the hospital administration, led by Siddhartha Medical College in-charge Principal and GGH Superintendent Dr. D. Venkateswara Rao, to address these pressing issues. They argue that improving patient care and hospital infrastructure should be prioritized over amenities for staff, expressing their fears that neglecting these issues could lead to a crisis similar to that of R G Kar Medical College.



"YCP Leaders Accused of Embezzling AP Football Association Funds, Founding President Calls for Inquiry"

TPN, Vijayawada: Kosaraju Gopala Krishna, the founding president of the Andhra Pradesh Football Association, has accused leaders from the YCP of illegally embezzling funds and mismanaging the association for personal interests. Speaking at a press conference, Gopala Krishna urged for fresh elections using a legitimate voter list, calling on Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu to intervene and expose the truth behind these irregularities.

Gopala Krishna alleged that former MP Kotagiri Sridhar, along with Daniel Pradeep and Mithun Reddy, used their political influence to register fraudulent society memberships and conduct illegal meetings. He claimed that these leaders have diverted association funds and misused their positions to suppress any opposition within the association, effectively silencing officials who witnessed the irregularities.

Gopala Krishna demanded a formal inquiry into these allegations, stating that the developments within the Andhra Pradesh Putball Association could serve as a significant case study in Indian sports history. The press conference was attended by the association's joint secretary, Raidu Nageswara Rao, and other key officials, who also called for the association to be freed from the control of YCP leaders and for transparent elections to be held.

Janasena Alleges Irregularities by YCP in Bobbili School Land Registration

TPN, Mangalagiri: In a recent Janavani event organized by the Janasena party's central office in Mangalagiri, significant allegations emerged against the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YCP) regarding irregularities in land registration and the management of educational sites.

Janasena leaders, including Raju MLA Deva Varaprasad, highlighted claims that the historic CBM Trust Girls' High School in Bobbili, valued at over Rs. 100 crores, had been illegally registered as an empty plot by YCP officials. The registration reportedly took place without notifying the District Collector or the Education Officer, with the land being registered at the Cheepurupalli Sub-Registrar's office instead of its actual location in Bobbili.

Parents of female students attending the CBM Girls High School voiced their concerns during the Janavani session, demanding an inquiry into the alleged misconduct and accountability for those responsible.

The event also saw petitions from members of the DSC 1998 Teachers Association, who sought regularization of their services after years of struggle for recognition and stability. They emphasized that many of them were appointed as carry-forward posts with minimum time scale and expressed frustration at the lack of

attention to their plight.

Additionally, employees from the Kovuru Cooperative Sugar Factory shared their grievances, stating they had been misled about the reopening of the factory, which has been closed since 2013. They reported receiving only partial compensation and urged the coalition government to assist their families during these challenging times.

The temple committee of Sri Ganapati Vijayadurga Sameta Malleswara Swamy in Guntur also raised concerns about the YCP government's alleged neglect in restoring power to their historically significant temple, calling for urgent action.

Throughout the Janavani event, a diverse group of citizens gathered to express various grievances, including unresolved issues with government offices and land disputes. Janasena leaders, including MLA Deva Varaprasad, pledged to advocate for the affected individuals and work towards resolving their concerns.

The Janasena party's active engagement in addressing public grievances reflects its commitment to holding the YCP accountable for alleged irregularities and mismanagement, while striving to serve the interests of the community.



Vijayawada City Police Department Honors Commissioner Shekhar Babu for Vijayadashami Success

TPN, Vijayawada: On the occasion of Vijayadashami, the Vijayawada City Police Department honored their Commissioner, Mr. Shekhar Babu, for his pivotal role in the success of the Devi Sharannavaratri celebrations. The event, held at the Commissioner's office, recognized the department's efforts in ensuring the smooth and peaceful conduct of the Navaratri festivities, culminating in the Vijayadashami celebrations.

Commissioner Shekhar Babu, known for his leadership and effective planning, was lauded for overseeing the security measures and crowd management during the event, which saw large gatherings of devotees. His dedication to maintaining law and order throughout the festival was acknowl-



edged by his team.

The department expressed their gratitude for his guidance and leadership,

which contributed significantly to the event's success, ensuring safety and order during one of the city's largest and most vibrant festivals.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation to Strengthen Traffic Control at Major Junctions

TPN, Vijayawada: Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanchandra held a crucial meeting with traffic police officials on Thursday to address ongoing traffic challenges at key junctions within the city. The meeting, which took place at the Corporation headquarters, focused on finding solutions to manage increasing traffic congestion and related issues.

During the meeting, traffic police officers briefed Commissioner Dhyanchandra on the major traffic control problems faced across Vijayawada's busiest junctions. In response, the Commissioner assured the police department that the Municipal Corporation would fully cooperate in implementing measures to alleviate traffic issues and improve the overall safety and welfare of the public. He emphasized that the Corporation would take swift action on matters falling under its jurisdiction.



Commissioner Dhyanchandra also instructed officials from the Municipal Corporation to review the concerns raised by the traffic police and take appropriate steps to resolve them. He reiterated that the Corporation is committed to working alongside the police to ensure smooth traffic flow and enhance the daily commute experience for the city's residents.

NTR District to Begin National Livestock Census with High Accuracy

TPN, Vijayawada: The 21st National Livestock Census in NTR District will commence on Friday, October 25, and continue for the next four months. District In-charge Collector, Dr. Nidhi Meena, made the announcement during an event at the JC Camp Office in Vijayawada, where she unveiled livestock enumeration wall posters, rule books, and distributed travel kits to the appointed enumerators.

The census aims to gather precise data on various livestock across the district. A total of 241 enumerators and 47 supervisors have been assigned to carry out the task. Dr. Meena stated that one enumerator has been designated for each revenue village, and the census will cover 20 mandals and urban areas. The survey will target 7,02,900 families in the district and collect data on 16 types of livestock, including buffaloes, cows, chickens, sheep, and goats, which will be registered through an app.



Dr. Meena emphasized the importance of accurate data collection, as it will help in distributing funds, anti-disease vaccines, and nutritional drugs based on the results of the census. She urged all paddy farmers and livestock owners to cooperate with the enumerators and provide precise information.

The event was attended by NTR District Animal Husbandry Department Joint Manager M. Hanumantha Rao and other officials.

Divisional Railway Manager Met AP CM to Discuss Amaravati Railway Line

TPN, Vijayawada: Shri Narendra A. Patil, the Divisional Railway Manager of the Vijayawada Division, met with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Chandrababu Naidu, at the Secretariat today to discuss the newly approved Amaravati railway line.

This significant development aims to enhance connectivity in the region, facilitating easier access for residents and businesses alike. The proposed railway line is expected to play a crucial role in boosting economic growth, further integrating Amaravati with other key urban centers in the state.

During the meeting, discussions focused on the project's potential impacts, including improvements in transportation efficiency and the expected increase in trade and tourism opportunities. Both officials expressed optimism about the railway line's contribution to the overall development of Andhra Pradesh.

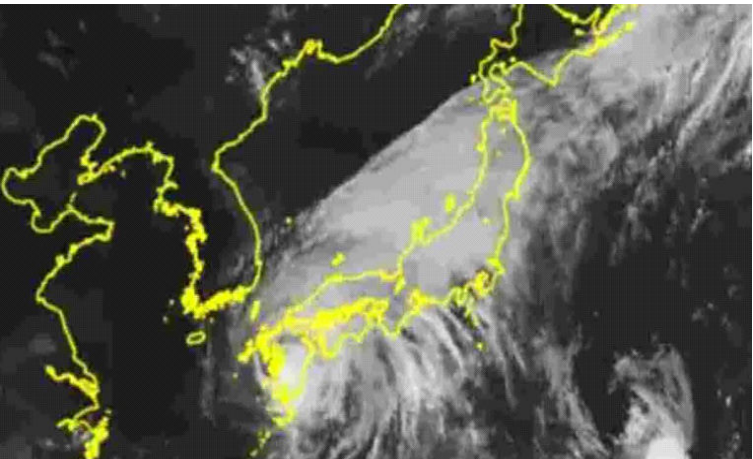
Shri Patil emphasized the importance of timely implementation and collaboration be-



tween the railway authorities and the state government to ensure the project's success. This initiative aligns with the

broader goals of enhancing infrastructure and fostering economic development within the state.

Severe Cyclone "Dana" Approaches, Authorities Issue Warnings



TPN, Visakhapatnam: Cyclone "Dana" has intensified into a severe storm in the northwest Bay of Bengal, moving at a speed of 12 km/h over the past six hours. The cyclone is currently located 260 km from Paradeep (Odisha), 290 km from Dhamra (Odisha), and 350 km from Sagar Island (West Bengal).

Meteorological Department official Srinivasa Rao stated that the cyclone will make landfall between Odisha and West Bengal late tonight or early tomorrow. The impact of "Dana" will also be felt in northern Andhra Pradesh, with heavy winds expected along the coast. Third-level danger warnings have been issued for Kalingapatnam, Bhimunipatnam, Visakhapatnam, and Gangavaram ports. Fishermen are advised to avoid venturing into the sea.

Collector Swapnil Dinakar Pundkar has urged district officials to stay alert, with special control rooms set up in key areas. The cyclone is expected to bring heavy rainfall over the next two days, especially affecting areas like Ichchapuram, Sompeta, Kaviti, and Kanchili mandals. A monitoring system using drones has been implemented to track storm damage.

Meanwhile, farmers in the region are deeply concerned, as their crops, particularly rice, are at a critical harvesting stage. A significant cyclone at this time could lead to devastating crop losses, with farmers expressing fears about the impact on their livelihoods.

Rail services in the affected regions have also been disrupted. Many trains scheduled for October 24th and 25th have been canceled, with a help desk established at Amadalavalasa railway station for travelers seeking information.

Former MP Nandigam Suresh's Bail Petition Postponed in HC



TPN, Guntur: The Andhra Pradesh High Court has postponed the hearing of the bail petition filed by former Bapatla MP Nandigam Suresh in connection with the murder case of Mariamma from Velagapudi, Tullur. The court adjourned the proceedings to Friday after the counsel representing the police requested additional time to prepare their arguments.

During Thursday's hearing, arguments on behalf of Nandigam Suresh were completed, but the police's counsel requested more time to present their case. The police are expected to argue that granting bail could lead to tampering with evidence and witness intimidation, as Suresh is a prominent local figure.

Nandigam Suresh is currently in judicial remand at Guntur Jail, having been arrested in connection with the murder. He was taken into custody for two days by Tullur police but reportedly did not cooperate during the investigation, providing no substantial information. Suresh has since filed for bail in the High Court.

N.T.R. Dist Police Launches Initiative to Combat Cybercrime with Bankers' Collaboration

TPN, Vijayawada: The N.T.R. District Police Commissioner, S.V. Raja Shekhara Babu IPS, convened a critical meeting with bankers to discuss a grand plan aimed at preventing cybercrime, including digital fraud and unauthorized transactions. This initiative focuses on proactive measures to combat various forms of cybercrime, emphasizing the importance of awareness and prevention over postincident investigations.

The meeting, held at the Police Commissioner's office, involved discussions on a comprehensive strategy developed under the supervision of Crime D.C.P. Tirumaleshwara Reddy IPS and the cybercrime inspectors. The plan aims to transform residents into informed "cyber citizens" capable of recognizing and avoiding potential cyber threats.

During the meeting, Police Commissioner Babu highlighted the urgent need for public awareness regarding cybercrime. He outlined key topics to educate citizens on, such as necessary precautions to avoid becoming victims, how to report incidents via the 1930 helpline, and the types of evidence required during investigations.

The Commissioner pointed out that cyber criminals are



increasingly impersonating authorities, using tactics like fake SMS and video calls, to intimidate individuals into believing they are involved in serious crimes, such as drug trafficking or money laundering. He emphasized the crucial role of bankers in preventing these scams, urging them to act promptly in reporting suspicious activities and assisting victims.

Key directives for bank managers included:

- Immediately stopping suspicious transactions and notifying law enforcement.
- Advising threatened customers to turn off their phones.
- Suggesting that customers call

the 1930 cybercrime helpline. Encouraging individuals to file complaints at local police stations.

The Commissioner also provided important public awareness messages, clarifying that government agencies do not conduct arrests via video calls or messages. He advised the public to never share OTPs or bank details and to be cautious with unfamiliar transactions.

The initiative saw participation from approximately 120 officers, including cybercrime inspectors and staff from various banks, underscoring a collaborative approach to tackle cybercrime effectively within the community.

Collector's Foresight Helped Minimize Flood Damage - MLA Daggupati Prasad



TPN, Anantapur: MLA Daggupati Prasad credited the quick action and foresight of Anantapur Collector Vinod Kumar for significantly reducing the damage caused by recent floods. During the distribution of essential commodities to families affected by the floods in Anantapur Rural Panchayat Village Secretariat-2 on Wednesday night, the MLA highlighted the importance of the collector's timely response.

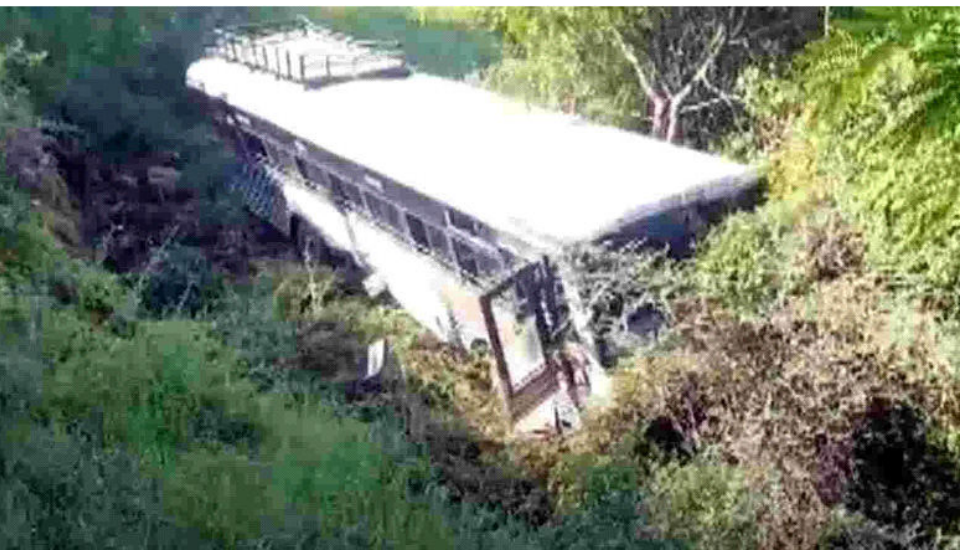
Prasad explained that due to

heavy rains on Monday night, a large influx of floodwater was expected. However, Collector Vinod Kumar had alerted the concerned authorities and the public at midnight, preventing a larger disaster. As a result, only five colonies under the panchayat experienced damage.

Essentials were distributed to the affected families, with five types of necessary items being handed out. MLA Daggupati Prasad, along with Collector Vinod Kumar, oversaw

the distribution. The MLA also mentioned that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has promised support for the flood victims, similar to the assistance provided to those impacted by the recent Vijayawada floods.

Key officials, including Tehsildar Harikumar, MPDO Diwakar, MPTC Asha Jyoti, Secretary Sridhar Rao, and TDP leaders such as Nani, ward members Salamma, Gangadhar, and Shekshavali, participated in the event.



Terrible Accident, RTC Bus Plunges into 30-Foot Ravine in YSR District

TPN, Pulivendula: A tragic accident occurred in the YSR district when an APSRTC bus veered off course and plunged into a 30-foot ravine near Pulivendula. Approximately 20 passengers sustained serious injuries in this incident.

The accident happened when the bus, attempting to avoid a head-on col-

lision with an oncoming lorry, lost control and fell into the ravine. Local residents quickly responded to the scene, rushing to assist those trapped inside the bus. They promptly notified the police, who arrived quickly to help with the rescue efforts.

Together, the locals and law enforcement worked to extricate the injured

passengers from the wreckage. The victims were then transported to Pulivendula Government Hospital for treatment. The ill-fated bus, part of the Palle Velang RTC service, was en route from Kadiri to Pulivendula at the time of the accident. Authorities are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident to prevent similar accidents in the future.

Fiscal Trends in India: Navigating Challenges and Opportunities



The Union government's recent growth in direct tax collections has sparked celebrations within the finance ministry. An analysis by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) reveals that the share of direct taxes in India's gross domestic product (GDP) reached a 24-year high of 6.64% for 2023-24, a substantial increase from just 3.25% in 2000-01. Conversely, the share of indirect taxes has declined from 5.62% to 5.11% over the same period. Overall, gross tax collections have risen from 8.8% of GDP in 2000-01 to 11.7% in 2023-24, with direct taxes now constituting 57% of total collections, up from about 36%.

This shift towards a greater reliance on direct taxes, which tend to be more equitable, is a positive development. However, understanding the full fiscal landscape requires examining broader trends beyond just tax collections. Notably, the government has successfully reduced its annual expenditure as a percentage of GDP, dropping from over 18% in 1990-91 to around 15% today. This containment is commendable and reflects the efforts of successive governments, with only temporary spikes during crises.

Despite the decline in overall expenditure, concerns have emerged regarding the quality of government spending. Capital expenditure, which is crucial for infrastructure development, has fallen significantly, hitting a low of 1.67%

of GDP by 2019-20. The post-COVID focus on infrastructure led to a rebound, with capital expenditure increasing to 3.2% of GDP in 2023-24. However, this improvement in capital investment was partially offset by a significant reduction in revenue expenditure, primarily through cuts in subsidies.

The fiscal environment reveals that while gross tax revenues have grown, the net gain for the Centre has not kept pace due to higher devolution of taxes to states. The net tax revenue rose from 6.39% to 7.88% of GDP from 2000-01 to 2023-24. This trend indicates that the Centre may face increasing pressure to meet infrastructure demands while managing a tighter budget.

To navigate these fiscal challenges, the finance ministry should explore non-tax revenue sources and revitalize disinvestment efforts in state-controlled enterprises. Non-tax revenues were only 1.36% of GDP last year, down from a peak of 2.93% in 2001-02. Additionally, disinvestment receipts were a mere 0.17% of GDP last year. Both avenues could bolster the Centre's finances without needing to share proceeds with states.

As the government aims to enhance fiscal responsibility while addressing growing infrastructure and climate transition demands, a multifaceted approach to revenue mobilization will be essential.

Navigating New Alliances: India's Position in the Expanded BRICS



The recent inclusion of Iran in the BRICS bloc has sparked intense speculation about the shifting dynamics of global power. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi engages in discussions with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, there's a palpable interest in fostering strategic cooperation, particularly in the Middle East. Both nations find themselves under scrutiny from the West, presenting a potential opportunity for a united front against Western dominance.

However, the effectiveness of global groupings like BRICS often raises questions about their impact on realpolitik. The West perceives this summit as a demonstration of Russia's growing influence, with headlines like "Putin Gathers Allies" highlighting concerns over a possible counterbalance to Western authority.

Iran's geopolitical strategy is complex, influenced by a mix of sectarian interests and regional tensions, especially given its fraught relations with Israel. Following recent events, Iran's economic struggles, exacerbated by sanctions, have intensified its grievances against the US. During the last BRICS summit, former President Ebrahim Raisi emphasized the significance of Iran's membership as a means to challenge American unilateralism.

While India supports Iran's participation in BRICS, it faces a crucial dilemma: will it align itself with Iran's domestic policies in the name of cooperation? Despite ongoing purchases of Iranian oil, bilateral trade has seen a significant drop, underscoring the complicated economic relationship shaped by geopolitical pressures. Iran aims to enhance its trade with BRICS nations, seeking alternatives to dollar transactions.

India's balancing act becomes even more critical amid ongoing tensions involving Israel and Palestine. Notably, India abstained from a UN General Assembly resolution advocating an end to Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories, setting it apart from other BRICS nations. During Modi's talks with Pezeshkian, India was encouraged to take a more active role in the Middle East peace process, raising questions about the feasibility of such a position.



India's Strategic Balancing Act: Navigating a New World Order

A few years ago, an unnamed foreign minister remarked that global relationships have become increasingly transactional, likening nations to divorced parties rather than united entities. Indeed, India appears to embody this shift, focusing on its own interests rather than traditional alliances. The recent diplomatic engagements between Modi and Putin, alongside Modi's embrace of Biden, illustrate India's unique position of engaging with both allies and adversaries.

The expanded BRICS bloc signifies a challenge to U.S. global leadership, as countries outside American influence grow more assertive. This is evident in India's rapid resolution of patrolling rights with China after the 2020 military stand-off, which occurred just before the BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia.

In this polarized landscape, India finds itself in a remarkable yet unprecedented position. As the world edges toward a bifurcated system reminiscent of the Cold War era, India is adeptly straddling both sides. External Affairs Minister S.

Jaishankar confidently asserts that India can "walk and chew gum at the same time," embodying a newfound ease and assertiveness in its foreign policy.

This transformation is evident in India's recent participation at the UN General Assembly, where it asserted its agenda with confidence. The days of overly earnest diplomacy and subservient messaging towards the U.S. have faded, replaced by a more self-assured approach that reflects India's rising economic stature.

While many attribute this confidence to India's robust economic growth, deeper historical factors are at play. For the last 75 years, nations that have aligned with the U.S. against its adversaries have reaped significant benefits. India has traditionally been sidelined, but now finds itself on the same side as the U.S. in its rivalry with China.

Four pivotal decisions have shaped India's global relevance. Nehru's embrace of socialism and the Non-

Aligned Movement, Indira Gandhi's confrontation during the Bangladesh War, and Vajpayee's nuclear ambitions set the stage for a new decision: Modi's choice to purchase Russian oil amid Western sanctions over Ukraine. This move reflects a pragmatic prioritization of national interest over ideological alignment.

However, India's delicate balancing act may soon be tested. Should a U.S. debt crisis unfold, could India pivot towards BRICS' proposed currency alternatives? Conversely, if China threatens global supply chains, how will India respond within the Quad framework?

In a world where alliances are fluid and ideological commitments waver, India's choices in critical moments will reveal its true priorities. While it may not engage in traditional marriages of alliance, India's long-term commitments could redefine its role in the evolving geopolitical landscape. Successfully maintaining neutrality would represent an unprecedented achievement in the post-World War II era.

The Enduring Appeal of Trump: A Complex Legacy

Donald Trump's journey through American politics is marked by a series of unprecedented controversies. As noted by a recent New York Times analysis, he stands out as the only U.S. president impeached twice, indicted on criminal charges, and convicted of felonies—34 counts in total. By 2016, he was embroiled in 4,095 lawsuits, covering issues from unpaid taxes to fraud. Despite his estimated net worth of \$5.5 billion, Trump has managed to pay less income tax than many Americans, a fact he has boasted about.

Psychological insights offer a lens into Trump's character. Tony Schwartz, who ghostwrote *"The Art of the Deal"*, identifies seven traits associated with antisocial personality disorder, including deceitfulness, impulsivity, and lack of remorse. Schwartz argues that Trump exemplifies these traits, particularly the last, which permits him to act without guilt.

Trump's history of alleged sexual misconduct involves numerous accusations from multiple women. His brash comments about women and history of infidelity have only added to his controversial image. Notably, some military leaders have labeled him a "fascist" and a "dangerous man." His calls for violent crackdowns on dissent reflect a troubling embrace of authoritarian rhetoric.



Despite these red flags, Trump's 2024 campaign thrives on a blend of populism and spectacle. His rallies have evolved into performances where he claims to be a savior while launching vitriolic attacks. His provocative remarks about migrants and anti-democratic sentiments resonate with certain voter segments, helping him regain poll support even after past controversies.

To understand Trump's rise, we must consider historical grievances. Many Americans feel left behind, particularly in the wake of economic shifts since the signing of NAFTA in 1993. As manufacturing jobs disappeared, individuals like Chancy Adams faced job losses and economic uncertainty. Trump's narrative taps into their anger and blame, framing himself as a champion for those who feel marginalized.

Trump's appeal also draws from

cultural anxieties. White, non-college-educated men often react strongly to perceived status threats, feeling overshadowed in a changing society. This demographic's resentment towards minorities and immigrants is harnessed by Trump, who portrays them as scapegoats for various societal issues.

Historian Richard Slotkin highlights that Trump's rhetoric aligns with key American myths, such as the 'Myth of the Frontier' and the 'Lost Cause.' These narratives resonate deeply, promoting a vision of America that champions racial exclusivity and traditional values.

As Trump faces multiple legal challenges, he remains defiant, claiming that the American electorate will ultimately decide his fate. The upcoming elections will reveal whether voters prioritize character or are swayed by his populist allure.



Mamata Banerjee to monitor cyclone Dana landfall from Bengal secretariat

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced on Thursday that she would remain at Nabanna, the state secretariat, throughout the night to oversee preparations for the approaching Cyclone Dana. Emphasizing the importance of vigilance, she urged residents to take necessary precautions and cooperate with local authorities.

"I will stay in Nabanna tonight until Cyclone Dana makes landfall," Banerjee stated, expressing her commitment to personally monitor the situation as it develops.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for ten districts in both Odisha and West Bengal, as the cyclone approaches the coast at a speed of 12 km per hour. The storm is expected to make landfall on Thursday night, raising concerns among local residents.

During a press briefing, Banerjee revealed that nearly 160,000 individuals have been evacuated from flood-prone areas throughout the state, with 83,537 relocated to 851 relief camps. She assured that emergency helplines are available 24/7, and officials have been deployed at district and block levels to closely monitor the storm's progress.

The Chief Minister provided emergency contact numbers for those needing assistance: 033-22143526 and 033-22141070. She cautioned the public against spreading misinformation, urging them to remain calm and avoid falling for false information. "Do not panic and be careful. There's a lot of misinformation circulating. Don't be provoked or misled," she advised.

PM greenlights Two new Railway Projects For AP And Telangana

The Narendra Modi government has given the green light to two significant railway projects aimed at enhancing connectivity in eight districts across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Bihar. Among the projects is a new railway line connecting Amravati—the proposed new capital of Andhra Pradesh—with a substantial investment of ₹2,245 crore. Both projects are expected to be completed within five years.

According to an official release from the Press Information Bureau (PIB), the new railway line will provide connectivity to approximately 168 villages, benefiting a population of around 12 lakh. It will feature nine new stations, significantly improving mobility in the region. Additionally, a multi-tracking project is set to enhance connectivity to two 'aspirational districts,' Sitamarhi and Muzaffarpur, which together serve about 388 villages with a cumulative population of nine lakh.

The details of the two approved projects include:

Doubling of the Narkatiaganj-Raxaul-Sitamarhi-Darbhangha and Sitamarhi-Muzaffarpur Sections*: This



project spans a total of 256 km and aims to strengthen connectivity with Nepal, northeastern India, and border areas.

Construction of a New Line Between Errupalem and Namburu**: This 57 km railway line will pass through NTR Vijayawada and Guntur districts of Andhra Pradesh, as well as Khammam district in Telangana. The new route will provide direct access to Amravati, enhancing mobility for local industries and the population.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs noted that these initiatives are expected to deliver a crucial infra-

structural boost to one of Indian Railways' busiest sections. By alleviating operational congestion, the projects aim to enhance the overall efficiency of railway services in the region.

Furthermore, officials estimate that the projects will generate approximately 106 lakh human-days of direct employment, contributing to local economies and improving livelihoods.

In summary, these railway initiatives reflect the Modi government's commitment to infrastructure development, enhancing regional connectivity, and fostering economic growth in key areas of India.



SP govt provided jobs for money, not merit: CM Yogi

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath criticized the previous Samajwadi Party (SP) government on October 24, claiming that job placements prior to 2017 were determined by influence and financial power rather than merit. He highlighted that many qualified candidates were overlooked during the SP's tenure due to a lack of connections or resources.

"Before 2017, jobs were granted based on influence and money, not merit. Many capable candidates were unable to secure positions because their families didn't have the financial resources or connections," Adityanath stated at an event where he distributed appointment letters to newly recruited individuals.

The Chief Minister emphasized the changes that have taken place under his administration, asserting that there has been no discrimination in the selection process since his government took office. He noted, "In the last seven years, recruitments for government, private sector, and contractual jobs have been conducted with complete transparency and integrity. This approach has contributed significantly to Uttar Pradesh's rapid growth in various sectors."

During the event, appointment letters were handed out to 1,950 newly selected youths, which included 1,526 Gram Panchayat Officers, 360 Gram Vikas Officers (Social Welfare), and 64 Social Welfare Supervisors, all selected by the UP Subordinate Services Selection Commission.

Adityanath expressed optimism about the future, suggesting that consistent fairness and transparency in appointments would position Uttar Pradesh as a leading economy in India. He envisions that by 2047, India will achieve development and self-reliance.

Home Minister Amit Shah assures CM Omar Abdullah statehood for J&K soon

The Union government is poised to initiate the process of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, five years after the region was divided into two Union Territories—Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. This development follows a recent meeting between Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah in Delhi.

During the meeting, which lasted approximately half an hour, Shah assured Abdullah of the central government's full support for the newly elected administration. According to NDTV sources, the atmosphere of the discussion was cordial, and Shah confirmed the intention to begin the restoration process for statehood.

In the first cabinet meeting held last week, Abdullah's government passed a resolution calling for the restoration of statehood. This resolution underscores the government's commitment to protecting the identity



and constitutional rights of the people in Jammu and Kashmir.

Following his meeting with Shah, Abdullah is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday to present the resolution directly. This move reflects the administration's determination to advocate for the rights and interests of the region's residents.

The call for restoring statehood gained momentum after the revocation of Article 370 in August 2019, which led to Jammu and Kashmir's transition to Union Territory status. The recent elections for the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, held in three phases from September 18 to October 1, culminated in the formation of a government led by the National Conference-Congress alliance.

Sri Lanka Navy Detains 16 Tamil Fishermen; MK Stalin Calls for Diplomatic Action

Sixteen fishermen from Rameswaram have been arrested by the Sri Lankan Navy for allegedly crossing into Sri Lankan waters, sparking calls for their immediate release. The fishermen, part of a larger group of 400 who set out from the Rameswaram fishing port, were apprehended while anchored between Katchatheevu and Neduntheevu islands. Their boats, owned by two individuals, Mahendran and Ramasundaram, were seized and taken to Mayilatti Fishing Port, where they were handed over to the Jaffna Fisheries Department.

The incident has intensified existing tensions between Indian fishermen and the Sri Lankan Navy, which has faced accusations of aggressive behavior toward their Indian counterparts. In recent weeks, fishermen from Rameswaram had staged a month-long strike to protest escalating incidents, including arrests, boat seizures, and violent confrontations.

In light of these developments, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin



has reached out to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, urging immediate diplomatic intervention to secure the release of the detained fishermen. Stalin highlighted the rising number of detentions by the Sri Lankan Navy, emphasizing the emotional and economic distress this causes for the fishermen's families. He has called on the central government to take swift action to prevent further arrests and to facilitate the release of 128 Indian fisher-

men and 199 boats currently held by Sri Lanka.

Families of the detained fishermen have expressed growing concern over their well-being and the potential impact on their livelihoods, particularly as the festive season of Diwali approaches. They are calling for the immediate return of their loved ones, underscoring the precarious nature of their fishing livelihoods amid ongoing tensions.

Uttar Pradesh bypolls: BSP announces candidates for eight seats

Lucknow: The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) has officially announced its candidates for eight of the nine assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh that will be contested in the bypolls scheduled for November 13. Under the leadership of Mayawati, the BSP is aiming to strengthen its position in the state with a strategic lineup of candidates.

Among the candidates, Amit Verma has been selected to represent the party in the Katehari constituency, which is part of Ambedkar Nagar. The BSP's decision to field Verma reflects its strategy to capitalize on local issues and grassroots support in the region.

The assembly bypolls present a crucial opportunity for the BSP to regain ground in Uttar Pradesh, where it has faced challenges in recent elections. Mayawati's party, historically a key player in the state's politics, is focusing on re-establishing its presence by nominating candidates who have strong local connections and can resonate with the electorate.

The remaining constituencies where the BSP has announced candidates include prominent seats where the party previously held influence. The BSP is expected to leverage its core voter base, primarily from the Scheduled Castes and other marginalized communities, to garner support in these elections.

Political analysts are closely watching the BSP's performance in the bypolls, as they could serve as an indicator of the party's resurgence in Uttar Pradesh. With the political landscape evolving rapidly, the BSP aims to present a united front against its rivals, primarily the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Samajwadi Party (SP).

Xi-Modi breakthrough followed months of pressure by Indian CEOs

In the wake of a deadly border clash in 2020 that resulted in the loss of at least 20 Indian soldiers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi implemented a series of stringent measures aimed at curbing Chinese investments in India. These actions were part of a broader strategy to counter perceived threats from China, and, in many respects, Modi's approach has gone further than that of the United States in certain areas.

Initially, these restrictions were welcomed as a necessary response to security concerns. The Indian government swiftly moved to scrutinize and block foreign direct investments from Chinese firms, citing national security as a primary justification. This included tightening regulations for investments in sectors deemed sensitive, such as technology and telecommunications.

However, recent developments have prompted a reassessment of this hardline stance. With the global economic landscape rapidly evolving and the need for foreign investments becoming increasingly critical for India's growth, there is now a growing recognition in New Delhi that the blanket



ban on Chinese investments may be overly restrictive. As the world shifts toward greater economic collaboration, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Indian government faces mounting pressure to strike a balance between security and economic necessity.

Critics argue that while safeguarding na-

tional interests is crucial, an outright ban on Chinese investments could hinder India's potential for economic growth and technological advancement. They emphasize the importance of fostering an open and competitive market that attracts diverse foreign investments, which can ultimately contribute to job creation and innovation.



S Jaishankar Pushes For India Seat At UN Body

At the 16th BRICS Summit held in Kazan, Russia, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar made a compelling case for India's permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). He stressed the need for reforming established institutions to foster a more equitable global order, echoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assertion that this is not an era of war, and that international disputes should be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy.

Dr. Jaishankar highlighted that the BRICS alliance signifies a profound shift in the global order, while also acknowledging that many historical inequities persist. He pointed out that access to developmental resources and modern technology remains uneven, exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic and ongoing conflicts that disproportionately affect the Global South. "Concerns of health, food, and fuel security are particularly acute," he noted.

To address these challenges, Dr. Jaishankar outlined several key strategies. First, he called for strengthening independent platforms that provide alternatives to existing mechanisms, reducing reliance on those that can be manipulated. He emphasized that BRICS can play a vital role in supporting the Global South.

Second, he reiterated the necessity of reforming the UNSC and multilateral development banks, which he described as outdated. India's push for a permanent seat on the UNSC has garnered support from major powers, including the US, UK, and France.

Furthermore, Dr. Jaishankar advocated for democratizing the global economy by establishing more production hubs to create resilient supply chains. He urged the need to address historical distortions in global infrastructure, advocating for connectivity that respects territorial integrity and sovereignty.

He also discussed various initiatives like the International Solar Alliance and the Global Biofuel Alliance, aimed at fostering cooperation on shared interests. In light of the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine, he reaffirmed India's stance that disputes should be settled through dialogue, respecting international law, and maintaining zero tolerance for terrorism.



Germany Seeks Strategic Partnership with India Amidst China Concerns

Germany is aiming to strengthen its economic and geopolitical ties with India as relations with China worsen. Chancellor Olaf Scholz is set to embark on a three-day visit to India, accompanied by a significant delegation of ministers and business leaders, to establish a strategic partnership with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The two leaders will meet on Friday and co-chair a joint cabinet meeting.

This visit comes at a critical juncture for Scholz, who is working to revitalize the German economy, which has faced challenges due to the war in Ukraine and increasing competition from China. Modi recently returned from the BRICS summit in Russia, where he met with President Vladimir Putin, and India has just signed a border agreement with China to reduce tensions following a prolonged standoff.

One of the key issues on the agenda is India's plan to acquire six new submarines to enhance its naval capabilities against

China's expanding presence in the Indo-Pacific. Germany's Thyssenkrupp AG is vying for this lucrative contract worth approximately \$4.8 billion. However, German officials have not confirmed if a decision will be reached during the visit.

Germany has been encouraging its companies to diversify their reliance on Chinese trade, positioning India, as the world's fifth-largest economy, as a potential alternative. Yet, India's close ties with Russia and its recent resolution of a border dispute with China suggest it may not fully align with Germany's strategic goals.

Currently, Germany is India's largest trading partner in Europe, with bilateral trade reaching \$22 billion in 2020-21. Scholz is expected to address challenges that German small and medium-sized enterprises face in India, as many cite bureaucratic hurdles as significant obstacles to operating there.

Hezbollah Confirms Death of Key Leader Hashem Safieddine in Israeli Airstrike

Hezbollah has confirmed the death of Hashem Safieddine, a significant figure within the organization and cousin of former chief Hassan Nasrallah, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike nearly three weeks ago. The Israeli military reported that Safieddine was targeted in a strike on the southern suburbs of Beirut.

In a statement mourning his loss, Hezbollah hailed Safieddine as a "great leader and martyr" who lived an "honorable life." Although the organization did not formally name him as a leader, he had been serving as the head of the group's executive council and was viewed as a potential successor to Nasrallah.

Following Nasrallah's death, Safieddine had taken on a more prominent leadership role within Hezbollah and was expected to be officially elected as the next secretary general, although no such announcement had been made prior to his passing. The Israeli airstrikes on October 4 targeted locations near Beirut's airport, leading to the loss of contact with Safied-



dine, who was reported to be the intended target. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) confirmed that Safieddine was killed alongside Ali Hussein Hazima, identified as the commander of Hezbollah's Intelligence Headquarters. The IDF accused Safieddine of orchestrating "terrorist attacks against the State of Israel" for years and noted his involvement in the group's central decision-making processes. In 2017, both the US and Saudi Arabia labeled him a "global terrorist." Having completed religious studies in Iran, Safieddine had close ties to the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, with family connections to General Qasem Soleimani, who was killed in a 2020 US airstrike in Iraq.



Middle East On Verge Of Full-Scale War: Russian President Putin

At a recent BRICS summit in Kazan, Russian President Vladimir Putin issued a stark warning about the escalating tensions in the Middle East, stating that the region is on the brink of full-scale war. Speaking to a gathering of global leaders, Putin highlighted how the military actions that began in Gaza a year ago have now spread to Lebanon and are affecting neighboring countries.

"The level of confrontation between Israel and Iran has sharply risen," Putin noted, describing the current situation as reminiscent of a "chain reaction" that threatens to engulf the entire region. His comments come amid ongoing violence and unrest, which he believes will only worsen if not addressed properly.

Putin emphasized that lasting peace in the Middle East hinges on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. He asserted that the key to restoring peace and stability in Palestinian territories lies in implementing the two-state solution, which has been endorsed by both the UN Security Council and General Assembly.

"Until this question is resolved, it will not be possible to break the vicious circle of violence," he stated, underscoring the urgency of addressing what he described as a historical injustice toward the Palestinian people. The Russian president's remarks resonate strongly in light of the recent escalations in conflict and the broader implications for regional stability.

The summit was also attended by Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, who has been an advocate for the two-state solution. Putin's call for a renewed focus on diplomatic efforts reflects a growing concern among world leaders about the potential for wider conflict in the Middle East.

Canada MPs Call For Justin Trudeau's Resignation



Internal dissent within the Liberal Party of Canada has escalated, with calls for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's resignation as Liberal leader becoming more vocal during a recent caucus meeting on Parliament Hill. This gathering provided a platform for dissatisfied MPs to directly express their grievances to Trudeau, reflecting the growing unease among party members.

Reports indicate that Trudeau is facing mounting pressure, with a group of dissident Liberal MPs issuing an ultimatum for him to clarify his future by October 28. During the closed-door meeting, a document advocating for Trudeau's resignation was presented, although it did not outline any specific repercussions should he fail to act on the demand. Notably, 24 MPs have reportedly signed a petition urging Trudeau to step down.

British Columbia MP Patrick Weiler took the floor to present the resignation argument, drawing parallels to the Democratic Party's resurgence in the U.S. following President Joe Biden's decision not to seek re-election. Over the course of the three-hour meeting, which allowed each MP two minutes to speak, approximately 20 members—none from the cabinet—urged Trudeau to consider stepping aside ahead of the next election. However, there were also voices of support for the prime minister from other MPs.

Immigration Minister Marc Miller acknowledged the frustrations among some Liberal MPs, emphasizing the importance of open dialogue and respect for those who voiced concerns directly to Trudeau. "This isn't a code red situation. The prime minister can handle the truth," he remarked.

The political tension in Canada has been exacerbated by escalating diplomatic issues between India and Canada. The rift was sparked by Trudeau's allegations in Parliament last year that India was involved in the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. India has vehemently denied these claims, labeling them "absurd" and accusing Canada of providing a safe haven for extremist elements.

Markets End Flat Amid Global Uncertainty; FMCG, Auto, and Realty Drag Indices, Bank Stocks Show Resilience”



Stock markets rose for the fourth consecutive session. Thursday ended with moderate losses. Negative sentiment coupled with negative signals from Asian and European markets is hurting investor confidence. They are dealing with rapidly changing geopolitical equations and US elections approaching. Not aggressively buying. Nifty 36 and Sensex ended flat with a loss of 16 points, analysts expect a turnaround. Bank and finance shares are gradually recovering. NSE market breadth is favorable to sellers. 1740 stocks lost and 1032 stocks declined.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 80,081 in the previous session, opened at 80,098 today. 80,259 reached the maximum. It soon touched an intra-day low of 79,813. After that it recovered a bit but did not reach the maximum level. It eventually closed at 80,065, a loss of 16 points. The NSE Nifty opened at 24,412 and touched a high of 24,480 and a low of 24,341. The total fell by 36 points to close at 24,399. Bank Nifty jumped 292 points to settle at 51,531.

In Nifty, 26 companies gained while 24 lost. Ultratech Sem, Shriram Finance, M&M, Titan, Grasim were the top gainers. Hindustan Unilever, SBI Life, Hindalco, Nestlé India and Bajaj Auto were the biggest losers. Today FMCG, Auto, Realty and Metal indices turned red. Bank, Finance, PSU Bank and Pharma indices soared.

Nifty support is at 24,350 and resistance is at 24,500. Investors can buy shares of Hindustan Zinc, ICICI Prudential, Piramal Pharma, Aster DM and Bank of Baroda in the short term.

Godrej Consumer Q2 Results are out. The company's net profit jumped 13% to Rs 491 crore. The income was recorded at Rs.3,647 crore. Food aggregator Swiggy has cut its IPO valuation to \$12.5 billion from \$13.6 billion. Westlife Foodworld's profit down 98%. CSB Bank's profit was flat at Rs 138 crore. Harley-Davidson cuts 2024 revenue forecast Ujjevan Small Finance Bank's net profit was 29% at Rs 233 crore. The rupee settled flat at 84.07 against the dollar. IndusInd Bank's non-tax income is Rs.1325 crore and net interest income is Rs.5347 crore. Shares of Adani Total Gas jumped 8%. Crude oil prices rose 1% on supply woes. LT Foods' revenue rose 6.6% to Rs 2108 crore. Profit was down 4.9%. Adani Wilmar posted a net profit of Rs 311 crore against a loss of Rs 131 crore. Shares of Paytm rallied 11% within the week.

Hindustan Zinc (HINDZINC):

Hindustan Zinc is trading under pressure due to weakness in metal stocks and fluctuations in global commodity prices. The stock has key support around ₹530 levels, while resistance lies near ₹550. Global metal prices and demand from China could influence the movement. If the stock holds the support level, expect a short-term rebound. Otherwise, it may continue its downtrend.



ICICI Prudential (ICICIPRU):



The stock has shown stability, benefitting from strength in insurance and financial sectors. Strong support around ₹750, resistance at ₹780. With improving growth prospects in the insurance sector and favorable market conditions, ICICI Prudential could see a steady upward trend. Short-term buying opportunities are possible if the market remains positive.

Piramal Pharma (PIRAMALPHARMA):

Piramal Pharma has been experiencing volatility. Pharma stocks are seeing some pressure but also potential recovery due to healthcare sector developments. The stock is seeing support near ₹240, with resistance around ₹260. Investors could consider entering if it consolidates near support levels, particularly if market sentiment for pharma improves.



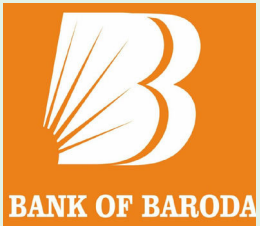
Aster DM Healthcare (ASTERDM):



Aster DM has been relatively stable with slight upside potential due to its healthcare business. The stock holds support around ₹430 and faces resistance near ₹460. Positive for the healthcare sector and any announcements related to earnings or expansion could drive upside momentum. A sustained break above ₹460 could see further upward movement.

Bank of Baroda (BANKBARODA):

Bank of Baroda has shown strength in the financial sector, driven by robust earnings and strong banking sector performance. Key support at ₹235, resistance at ₹250. The stock has positive momentum, with continued buying interest expected. It may continue its upward trajectory if it holds above ₹250.



Rapid decline in cash transactions as digital payments surge: RBI economist

In a significant shift towards digitalization, a recent paper by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) economist Pradip Bhuyan reveals that cash usage in India is rapidly declining, despite still accounting for 60 percent of consumer expenditure as of March 2024. The study highlights a remarkable surge in digital transactions, with the share of digital payments more than doubling from 14-19 percent in March 2021 to 40-48 percent in March 2024, primarily driven by the Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

The paper elaborates on the definitions of cash in circulation (CIC) and currency with the public (CWP), noting that CWP comprises approximately 95-97 percent of CIC, representing the total notes and coins circulating in the economy minus cash held by banks.

Significant growth has been observed in retail digital payments (RDP), which exclude payments made through re-



al-time gross settlement. Since its launch in 2016, UPI has dominated RDP in volume over the past five years. The growth in UPI transactions has outpaced the increase in transaction value, with the average size of UPI transactions decreasing from ₹1,838 in 2020-21 to ₹1,525 in 2023-24.

The report also highlights a notable rise in person-to-merchant (P2M) payments, which grew from 16.6 percent to 26.2 percent in value and from 45.2

percent to 61.7 percent in volume between April 2021 and March 2024. Over this period, P2M payments saw a nearly six-fold increase in volume and over five-fold growth in value, significantly outpacing person-to-person (P2P) payments.

UPI transactions have shown extraordinary growth, with the volume surging by 52 percent to 78.97 billion in the first half of 2024, compared to 51.9 billion during the same period last year. The value of these transactions also saw a substantial increase, rising by 40 percent from ₹83.16 lakh crore to ₹116.63 lakh crore in the first six months of this year.

This rapid transition towards digital payments suggests a transformative change in India's financial landscape, indicating a future where cash transactions may become increasingly rare.

Reliance Infra to set up Rs 10,000 crore arms, ammunition project

Reliance Infrastructure Ltd, part of the Anil Ambani group, has announced an ambitious plan to establish an integrated project for the manufacturing of explosives, ammunition, and small arms in Maharashtra. The company will invest over ₹10,000 crore over the next decade in this venture, signaling a significant commitment to the defense sector.

The project will be developed on a sprawling 1,000 acres of land located in the Watad Industrial Area of Ratnagiri. The facility, named Dhirubhai Ambani Defence City (DADC), is set to become the largest greenfield defense project in India undertaken by a private sector company. This initiative not only aims to enhance India's defense capabilities but also to contribute to the local economy by creating jobs and fostering technological advancements.

Reliance Infrastructure has a track record in the defense industry, having exported defense equipment worth more than ₹1,000 crore through its subsidiaries over time. The establishment of DADC is expected to further bolster the company's position in the defense market, as it aligns with the Indian government's push for self-reliance in defense manufacturing.

The announcement highlights Reliance Infrastructure's strategic move into a sector that is increasingly critical for national security and economic development. By investing in local manufacturing, the company aims to reduce reliance on imports and support India's defense modernization efforts.

With the growing emphasis on indigenous defense production, the DADC project is poised to play a crucial role in strengthening India's defense in-



frastructure. This development comes at a time when the country is actively seeking to enhance its manufacturing capabilities and support the 'Make in India' initiative.

As Reliance Infrastructure embarks on this substantial investment, it is likely to attract attention from global defense companies looking to collaborate and contribute to this burgeoning sector in India. The DADC project represents a significant step towards achieving greater autonomy in defense manufacturing and reinforcing the country's strategic capabilities.

Adani Total Gas Reports 7.5% Rise in Q2 Profit Amid Gas Allocation Cuts

Adani Total Gas has announced a consolidated net profit of ₹186 crore for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, reflecting a 7.5% increase from ₹173 crore in the same period last year. The company's revenue from operations also saw a significant rise, climbing 12% to ₹1,318 crore in Q2 FY25, compared to ₹1,179 crore in Q2 FY24. On October 24, shares of Adani Total Gas were trading at ₹757.55 on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), marking an 8% increase in value at 3:10 PM. The company reported an EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization) of ₹313 crore for the quarter, which is an 8% year-on-year increase. However, the firm is navigating challenges following the recent government decision to reduce the allocation of cheaper gas for city gas distribution (CGD) players. On October 17, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MOPNG) announced a 20% cut in the allocation of administered price mechanism (APM) gas for compressed natural gas (CNG) to CGD companies.

Suresh P. Manglani, Executive Director and CEO of Adani Total Gas, addressed the situation, stating, "Following the recent reduction in APM gas allocation, which caters to auto CNG and home PNG consumers, we are closely monitoring the situation. Given our diversified gas sourcing portfolio, we will ensure a calibrated pricing approach to balance the interest of our consumers."

In Q2, Adani Total Gas expanded its network, increasing the number of CNG stations to 577 by adding 18 new stations during the quarter. The total sales volume for the company reached 242 million metric tonnes (MMT) in Q2, representing a 15% year-on-year growth. CNG volumes stood at 162 MMT, while PNG volumes accounted for 80 MMT.

This robust performance, despite regulatory challenges, underscores Adani Total Gas's commitment to growth and adaptability in the evolving energy market.



Surge in Piracy in India The Economic Impact and Industry Response

India's piracy economy has reached a staggering ₹224 billion in 2023, according to a report by EY and the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI). Titled 'The Rob Report', the study reveals that ₹137 billion originated from pirated movie theater content, while ₹87 billion came from unauthorized OTT platform content. This alarming rise in piracy poses significant challenges for the Media and Entertainment industry.

Trends in Piracy and Viewer Preferences

The increasing appetite for pirated content among Indian consumers is evident, with individuals averaging nine hours per week on pirated media. Streaming platforms are the primary source of illegal content, accounting for 63% of piracy, followed by mobile apps at 16%. Torrent sites and social media platforms contribute to the remaining 21%. Notably, 51% of Indian media consumers utilize pirated sources, with 76% of this demographic being between 19 and 34 years old. Consumer preferences reveal distinct trends: men tend to gravitate toward older films, while women show a preference for OTT content. Hindi and English dominate the piracy landscape, making up 40% and 31% of pirated material, respectively.

Several factors drive this trend, including high subscription fees, the inconvenience of managing multiple accounts, and the lack of availability for specific content online. Many consumers also avoid the cost of movie tickets or subscriptions to legal OTT services.

Industry Concerns and Calls for Action

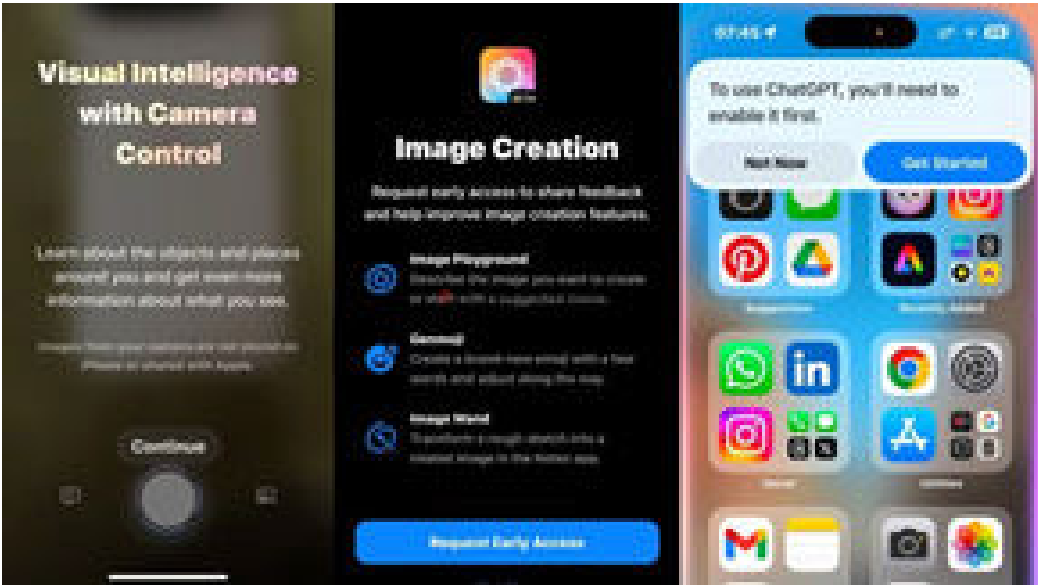
Industry leaders express urgent concern over the impact of piracy on the entertainment sector. Rohit Jain, Chairman of the Digital Entertainment Committee at IAMA, emphasized that piracy undermines the industry's potential for growth, which is projected to reach ₹146 crores. Mukul Shrivastava, Partner at EY Forensic and Integrity Services, called for enhanced enforcement measures and technological solutions to combat piracy, urging industry stakeholders to collaborate in this fight. Additionally, the consumption of pirated content is notably high in Tier II cities, where income disparities and limited access to authorized content exacerbate the issue. As the industry grapples with these challenges, concerted efforts will be essential to curtail piracy and safeguard the future of India's entertainment landscape.

Apple Unveils Apple Intelligence with ChatGPT Integration

On Thursday, Apple announced the rollout of a beta version of its latest software, showcasing new capabilities under the banner of Apple Intelligence. Among the most anticipated features is the integration of ChatGPT, which has garnered significant attention. However, it's important to note that this is currently a developer preview and not yet available for public release.

Apple Intelligence has been in testing for several months, and the company is expected to launch the first set of features to the public soon, potentially as early as next week with the release of iOS 18.1. This upcoming version promises to introduce a variety of innovative tools that leverage generative artificial intelligence, reflecting the advancements Apple has been working on since its annual developer conference earlier this year.

The beta version includes several exciting features, such as Genmoji, Image Playground, and Visual Intelligence with Camera Control. Genmoji and Image Playground are particularly noteworthy, allowing users to generate images directly on their devices. This functionality enables users to create unique visuals and easily share them with friends via Messages, enhancing communication through creative expression.



Additionally, the integration with OpenAI's ChatGPT aims to enhance user interactions, offering intelligent responses and improving overall user experience. This move aligns with Apple's commitment to incorporating cutting-edge technology into its products, ensuring they remain competitive in the rapidly evolving tech landscape.

In a recent statement, Apple's senior vice president, Craig Federighi, addressed the delays in the rollout of Apple Intelligence features, emphasizing the company's dedication to delivering a polished and reliable product. As the tech community eagerly awaits the public release, developers are encouraged to explore the beta version and provide feedback to help refine the features.

With Apple Intelligence on the horizon, the anticipation for its capabilities continues to grow, promising to redefine user experiences across Apple's ecosystem.

Zomato, Swiggy Face Backlash After Raising Platform Fee To Rs 10

Food lovers across the country are expressing their frustration after Zomato and Swiggy announced an increase in their platform fee to ₹10 per order during the festive season. As the two leading food delivery apps look to capitalize on the surge in orders that typically accompanies this time of year, the decision has sparked considerable backlash among consumers.



Zomato, which initially introduced the platform fee in August 2023 at ₹2 per order, had already raised it to ₹4 by January 2024. Now, the fee stands at ₹10, which applies to all users, including Gold members. This fee is in addition to the existing delivery charges, further inflating the cost of ordering food through the platform.

The announcement has led to a wave of outrage on social media, particularly on X, where users have criticized the growing expenses associated with food delivery. Many have highlighted how the costs have escalated, making it increasingly unsustainable to order in. One user lamented, "Food ordering started with free delivery, now GST, delivery and packing charges, platform fee."

Others echoed similar sentiments, calling

for a boycott of these services. User Snehil stated, "I strongly feel that it is the right time to say goodbye to Zomato, Swiggy, Flipkart, Blinkit, and similar frauds as it has become common for them to loot customers in the name of platform fees and handling charges."

Aditya Shah added to the chorus of discontent, pointing out the irony of paying inflated food costs while also covering platform fees, suggesting that even restaurants bear additional charges to use these platforms. "And finally, pay with your health by eating outside food," he remarked, emphasizing the broader implications of these rising costs.

As complaints mount, the festive season promises to be a challenging time for food delivery apps, with many customers reconsidering their loyalty amid rising expenses.

Blinkit Introduces EMI Payment Option for Orders Over ₹2,999

Zomato-owned Blinkit has launched an exciting new feature, offering an EMI (Equated Monthly Installment) payment facility for its customers starting Thursday. This option is available for orders exceeding ₹2,999, aiming to enhance affordability and assist customers in better financial planning.



The announcement was made by Blinkit CEO Albinder Dhindsa on social media platform X, where he shared the details of the new payment feature. "We have introduced buying with EMI on Blinkit! EMI options will be applicable on all orders above ₹2,999 (except orders that contain gold and silver coins)," Dhindsa posted.

By implementing this EMI option, Blinkit aims to provide its users with more flexible payment solutions, making it easier for them to purchase items without a hefty upfront cost. This move reflects a growing trend among e-commerce platforms to offer varied payment methods, especially as consumers seek more accessible ways to shop during challenging economic times.

However, it's important to note that the EMI facility will not be applicable for orders that include gold and silver coins,

which may be due to regulatory reasons or the nature of those products. This limitation has raised some questions among customers, but overall, the response to the new payment option has been positive.

The introduction of this feature aligns with Blinkit's commitment to enhancing the shopping experience for its users. By allowing customers to split their payments over time, the platform hopes to encourage larger purchases and foster customer loyalty.

As online shopping continues to evolve, services like Blinkit's EMI payment option are becoming increasingly vital in meeting customer needs. With this initiative, Blinkit is positioning itself as a customer-centric platform that prioritizes financial flexibility, setting itself apart in the competitive landscape of quick-commerce.

And UK Will Ban Disposable Vapes To Crack Down On Teen Use

The UK government has announced plans to ban single-use vapes starting next year, aiming to address the growing concerns over environmental damage and rising usage rates among children. This decision comes as health authorities raise alarms about the increasing prevalence of vaping among young adults, exacerbated by the vibrant designs and enticing fruity flavors that attract young consumers.



A 2024 survey conducted by the health charity Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) revealed that approximately one in five children aged 11 to 17 have experimented with vaping. Currently, it is illegal to sell nicotine-containing e-cigarettes to anyone under the age of 18, and adults are prohibited from purchasing these products on behalf of minors.

The initiative to ban disposable vapes was initially proposed by the previous Conservative government in January but was sidelined following the July elections, which resulted in a Labour Party victory. Labour's culture minister emphasized the alarming statistic that the number of children engaging in vaping has tripled in the last three years, attributing part of the problem to the environmental issues caused by disposable vapes.

"We have been increasingly concerned about this trend," she stated during an interview with Sky News. "Our hope is that this ban will help break the cycle of children adopting vaping at younger ages."

While the government's Department for Environ-

ment, Food, and Rural Affairs (Defra) has not yet provided specific details regarding the implementation of the ban, media reports suggest that it is expected to take effect in June.

Interestingly, a separate study by ASH this year indicated that vaping remains the most popular method for quitting smoking among tobacco users, with nearly 3 million people in Britain reportedly having successfully quit smoking using e-cigarettes over the past five years. The upcoming ban on single-use vapes aims to strike a balance between public health and environmental sustainability, while also protecting younger generations from the risks associated with vaping.

Viral Video Highlights Innovative "Palm Payment" Method in China

A viral video showcasing an intriguing "palm payment" method has taken Instagram by storm, drawing attention to China's cutting-edge technology in cashless transactions. The clip, shared by Pakistani influencer Rana Hamza Saif, captures a group of friends exploring this unique payment system at a grocery store in Zhuzhou, China.

In the video, Rana and his friends discuss the various cashless payment options available in the store. While traditional methods like scanning a phone or using a QR code are mentioned, the standout feature is the ability to pay simply by scanning one's palm. The demonstration unfolds at the billing counter, where one of the friends illustrates the process. With just a quick gesture of placing their palm in front of a scanner, the transaction is completed instantly, much to the group's amazement.



This seamless transaction method not only highlights the convenience of cashless payments but also raises discussions about the implications of such technology in other countries striving

for digital payment advancements. The video has sparked widespread curiosity and debate, with viewers contemplating the po-

tential benefits and drawbacks of implementing similar systems elsewhere.

As technological innovations continue to shape the way we conduct transactions, the "palm payment" system exemplifies the rapid evolution of payment methods. It reflects China's commitment to embracing cutting-edge technology and enhancing consumer experiences. The speed and efficiency of this payment method could set a precedent for other nations exploring cashless solutions.

The viral nature of the video underscores the global fascination with China's advancements in technology, as people from various backgrounds engage in conversations about the future of payment systems. As cashless transactions gain popularity worldwide, this eye-catching method could inspire other nations to adopt similar innovations, potentially revolutionizing the way we shop and pay for goods.

Rani Rampal Announces Retirement from Hockey

On October 24, 2024, Rani Rampal, the former captain of the Indian women's hockey team, officially announced her retirement, concluding a remarkable 16-year career that has left an indelible mark on the sport. Rampal, who hails from a small town in Haryana, has been a beacon of hope and inspiration, rising from humble beginnings where her father worked as a cart-puller to become one of India's most celebrated hockey players.



achievements have not gone unnoticed; she was awarded the prestigious Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2020 and was honored with the Padma Shri, India's fourth highest civilian award, in the same year.

In her post-retirement phase, Rani has been appointed as the national coach for sub-junior women players, demonstrating her commitment to nurturing the next generation of talent in Indian hockey. Her transition from player to mentor highlights her dedication to the sport and her desire to give back to the community that supported her journey.

As Rani Rampal steps away from the field, her legacy as a trailblazer for women's sports in India will undoubtedly inspire many young athletes to chase their dreams, just as she did.

At just 29 years old, Rani Rampal exits the game as a decorated athlete, having led the Indian women's hockey team to its best-ever Olympic performance—a historic fourth-place finish at the Tokyo 2021 Games. Reflecting on her journey, she expressed gratitude, stating, "It's been an outstanding journey. I never thought I would play for so long for India. Despite facing poverty in my childhood, my focus was always to do something significant and represent my country."

Rampal made her international debut at the tender age of 14 during the Olympic qualifiers in 2008 and went on to become a formidable forward, netting an impressive 205 goals in 254 matches for India. Her

Women's T20 World Cup 2024 Sees Record with 30% Increase



The International Cricket Council (ICC) has reported that the Women's T20 World Cup 2024 attracted a remarkable total of 91,030 fans, marking a significant 30% increase compared to the previous edition. This surge in attendance highlights the growing popularity of women's cricket on a global scale.

A standout moment of the tournament was the highly anticipated clash between India and Pakistan on October 6, which set a new record for attendance at a women's T20 match. The rivalry between these two cricketing powerhouses drew immense interest, underscoring the excitement surrounding women's cricket and its ability to captivate audiences.

The 2024 edition of the tournament not only showcased thrilling matches but also served as a platform for talented female cricketers to shine on an international stage. With increased fan engagement and support, the event has further solidified its position in the cricketing calendar.

The ICC's efforts to promote wom-

en's cricket have paid off, as evidenced by the impressive turnout and the enthusiasm displayed by fans throughout the tournament. The rise in attendance reflects a broader trend of increasing visibility and investment in women's sports, driving greater participation and interest at all levels.

As the Women's T20 World Cup continues to evolve, it is expected to foster even more talent and provide opportunities for future generations of female cricketers. The success of this tournament sets a positive precedent for upcoming editions and signifies a promising future for women's cricket.

In summary, the Women's T20 World Cup 2024 not only achieved record attendance figures but also reinforced the importance of supporting and promoting women's sports. With events like this, the ICC aims to inspire young girls around the world to take up cricket and pursue their sporting dreams, paving the way for a more inclusive and diverse future in the realm of sports.

Botafogo Dominates Peñarol with 5-0 Victory in Libertadores Semi-Final

In a stunning display of football, Botafogo of Brazil dismantled Uruguay's Peñarol with a commanding 5-0 victory in the first leg of their Copa Libertadores semi-final on Wednesday. All five goals came in a sensational second-half performance that left Botafogo on the brink of their first Libertadores final appearance.

Despite a strong start, Botafogo struggled to penetrate Peñarol's organized defense in the first half. Luiz Henrique squandered a promising chance, shooting high and wide, but soon forced Peñarol's goalkeeper, Washington Aguerre, into action with a powerful drive that required a diving save.

The tide turned dramatically early in the second half, with three goals in just eight minutes. Venezuelan forward Jefferson Savarino opened the scoring in the 51st minute, expertly timing his run to meet a precise through ball from Luiz Henrique, before deftly lifting it over Aguerre.

Just four minutes later, Botafogo doubled their lead when Peñarol failed

to clear a corner, allowing Argentine defender Alexander Barboza to scoop the ball into the net. The Brazilian side made it 3-0 shortly thereafter, with Henrique again proving instrumental. He set up Vitorino, whose pull-back found Savarino, whose shot slipped through Aguerre's grasp.



Henrique capped off his stellar performance with Botafogo's fourth goal, chipping the ball over Aguerre in a delicate finish. The fifth and final goal came in the 79th minute when Argentine midfielder Thiago Almada's effort was parried, only for Igor Jesus to head in the rebound.

"We have to keep our feet on the ground; this is just one game," Barboza stated after the match. However, with this decisive win, an all-Brazilian final on November 30 in Buenos Aires seems increasingly likely. Brazilian teams have dominated the tournament, winning every edition since River Plate's last triumph in 2018.

Amidst the excitement, tensions escalated prior to the match as Brazilian police arrested over 250 Peñarol fans for rioting, which included vandalism and looting in Rio de Janeiro. The clashes highlighted the intense atmosphere surrounding this prestigious tournament.

Jordan Cox and Rehan Ahmed Join England Squad for Caribbean Tour

Wicketkeeper batter Jordan Cox and bowling allrounder Rehan Ahmed have been added to England's white-ball squads for their upcoming Caribbean tour, which kicks off on October 31 in Antigua. This addition comes as England prepares for a series of One Day Internationals (ODIs) and T20 Internationals against the West Indies.



Cox, who made his international debut during England's recent T20I series against Australia, will return to the UK following the first day of the ongoing third Test against Pakistan in Rawalpindi. He is expected to participate in all three ODIs but will miss the subsequent T20I matches as he prepares for the upcoming Test series in New Zealand.

Rehan Ahmed, currently part of the playing XI in the Test against Pakistan, will join the white-ball squad after the

conclusion of that match. His versatility as a bowling allrounder is seen as a valuable asset for the team.

With regular captain Jos Buttler sidelined due to a minor setback in his recovery from a calf injury, allrounder Liam Livingstone will lead the ODI squad against the West Indies. This change in leadership adds a layer of

challenge as England aims to build momentum ahead of the series.

The England ODI and T20I squads include a mix of seasoned players and emerging talents, with the following members confirmed: Jos Buttler (captain for T20Is), Rehan Ahmed, Jofra Archer, Jacob Bethell, Jafer Chohan, Jordan Cox, Sam Curran, Will Jacks, Liam Livingstone (ODI captain), Saqib Mahmood, Dan Mousley, Jamie Overton, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, and Reece Topley, alongside newcomer John Turner.

As the team gears up for this crucial tour, fans and analysts alike will be watching closely to see how the new additions, Cox and Ahmed, perform in the Caribbean conditions and contribute to England's campaign. The series promises to be an exciting showcase of talent and competition in international cricket.

South Africa Ascends in World Test Championship After Dominating Bangladesh

South Africa has surged to fourth place in the World Test Championship (WTC) standings following a commanding seven-wicket victory over Bangladesh in the first Test. This win, secured on Thursday, has boosted South Africa's point percentage to 47.62, allowing them to leapfrog New Zealand and England in the rankings. Conversely, Bangladesh's defeat has seen their point percentage drop to 30.56, keeping them firmly in seventh place, while India and Australia continue to dominate the top two positions.



In the match, Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto opted to bat first after winning the toss, a decision that quickly backfired. The South African bowlers thrived in the conditions, with Kagiso Rabada, Wiaan Mulder, and Keshav Maharaj each claiming three wickets, dismissing Bangladesh for a mere 106 runs. The hosts struggled against the South African attack, which displayed both pace and spin dominance.

Despite a poor start, Bangladesh's

spinners, led by Taijul Islam and Mehidy Hasan, retaliated effectively. They shared seven wickets between them, attempting to keep South Africa in check. However, a resilient century from Kyle Verreynne, coupled with valuable contributions from Mulder (54) and Dane Piedt (32), helped South Africa establish a substantial 202-run lead.

In the third innings, the South African bowlers once again showcased their prowess. Led by Rabada, they reduced Bangladesh to a precarious

Chasing a target of 106 runs, South Africa faced minimal resistance. Tony de Zorzi (41) and Tristan Stubbs (30*) guided the team to victory with relative ease, sealing a convincing win that reflects their current form and strategy.

Looking ahead, the second Test between Bangladesh and South Africa is scheduled to take place on October 29 in Chattogram. As both teams prepare for the next clash, South Africa will aim to maintain their momentum in the WTC, while Bangladesh seeks to rebound and improve their standing in the competition. The outcome of this upcoming match will be pivotal for both sides as they navigate the challenges of the Test cricket landscape.



Pushpa 2 locks new release date

Pushpa 2: The Rule is gearing up to be one of the most anticipated releases in Indian cinema, featuring the immensely talented Allu Arjun, known as the Icon Star of Tollywood. With high expectations, the filmmakers are ensuring that this sequel makes a grand entrance, planning to release it in a record number of theaters nationwide.

In a thrilling development, the release date has been moved up by one day. Fans can now mark their calendars for December 5, 2024, when ****Pushpa 2**** will arrive in cinemas across India, showcasing the film in multiple languages to cater to a diverse audience.

Rashmika Mandanna is set to reprise her role as the female lead, adding to the film's star-studded lineup. The cast also features prominent actors such as Fahadh Faasil, Sunil, Ajay, and Anasuya Bharadwaj, all of whom are expected to deliver powerful performances that will keep audiences on the edge of their seats.

Produced by the renowned Mythri Movie Makers, ****Pushpa 2**** promises to be a cinematic spectacle. Fans can look forward to an exhilarating soundtrack composed by



the talented Devi Sri Prasad, whose work has consistently resonated with audiences and amplified the impact of the films he collaborates on.

As anticipation builds, the excitement surrounding ****Pushpa 2: The Rule**** is palpable, with fans eager to see how the story unfolds and what new heights Allu Arjun will reach in this sequel. With its impressive cast, engaging storyline, and high production values, this film is poised to make waves not just in India, but internationally as well. Don't miss the chance to experience this cinematic event when it hits theaters!

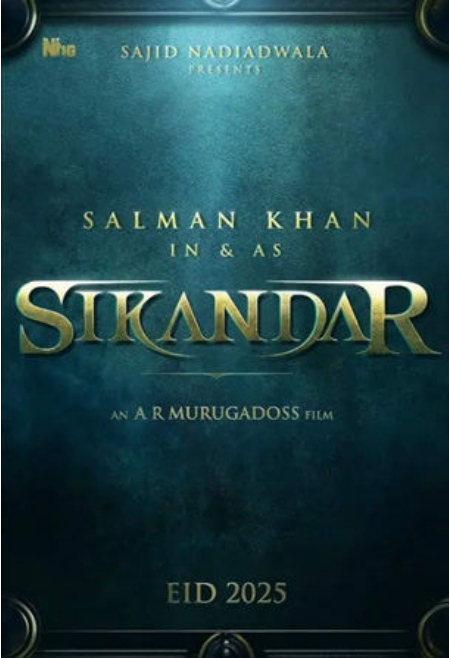
Salman Khan Resumes Shooting for 'Sikandar'

Bollywood superstar Salman Khan has officially resumed shooting for his much-anticipated film, ****Sikandar****, directed by A.R. Murugadoss, known for his blockbuster ****Ghajini****. This upcoming project also stars the talented Rashmika Mandanna, and is generating considerable excitement in the industry due to its promising storyline and Salman's signature charisma.

A source close to the production revealed, "As per the planned schedule, Salman Khan is shooting for 'Sikandar.'" This commitment to a timely production process highlights the team's dedication to delivering a high-quality film despite recent challenges.

Salman had taken a brief hiatus from his commitments following the tragic assassination of his close friend, politician Baba Siddique, near his office in Bandra, Mumbai. The emotional toll of this event has been significant for the actor, leading to heightened security measures due to threats from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, which claimed responsibility for Siddique's murder.

Despite these personal challenges, ****Sikandar**** aims to combine engaging storytelling with dynamic performances, setting the stage for yet another memorable portrayal by Salman Khan. The film marks the first col-



laboration between him and Rashmika Mandanna, which has only increased anticipation among fans.

Produced by Sajid Nadiadwala of Nadiadwala Grandson Entertainment, ****Sikandar**** is a reunion for Salman and Sajid, who last worked together on the hit film ****Kick**** released in 2014. The makers have scheduled the film's release for Eid 2025, a festival that has traditionally been associated with Salman Khan's major releases.

As fans eagerly await further updates, it is clear that Salman Khan is poised to deliver the entertainment and drama that his audience has come to expect. The excitement surrounding ****Sikandar**** underscores Salman's enduring appeal and the significant impact he continues to have on the Bollywood film industry.

Jr NTR Set to Dazzle in War 2 Alongside Hrithik Roshan

Following the monumental success of **Devara Part 1**, Jr NTR is all set to captivate audiences once again in the highly anticipated action thriller **War 2**. Directed by the acclaimed Ayan Mukherjee, this film pairs NTR with Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan in a dynamic lead role. After a brief hiatus, both actors have returned to the sets, igniting excitement among their fans.

According to industry insiders, director Ayan Mukherjee has crafted two exhilarating introduction sequences that promise to leave a lasting impression. Hrithik Roshan's entry will unfold dramatically in a Shaolin Temple, where he will be showcased in an intense sword-fighting scene, showcasing his character's skills and setting the tone for the film.

In contrast, Jr NTR's introduction will be equally thrilling, featuring a hand-to-hand combat sequence with pirates aboard a ship. This action-packed scene is expected to be a major highlight of the film, setting the stage for NTR's formidable character and his journey throughout the story.

The production of ****War 2**** is progressing swiftly, with the filmmakers announcing



that the movie is scheduled for release during the Independence Day weekend in 2025. This strategic timing aims to maximize audience attendance, further fueling the excitement surrounding the project.

Adding to the film's appeal, Kiara Advani will play a pivotal role, contributing to a well-rounded cast that promises to deliver a captivating narrative. With its blend of high-octane action, stellar performances,

and a gripping storyline, ****War 2**** is shaping up to be one of the most talked-about films of 2025.

Fans can hardly wait to see how Ayan Mukherjee brings this ambitious project to life, especially with such a talented ensemble. As the countdown to release begins, the anticipation for ****War 2**** continues to soar.

Anticipation Builds for Akkineni's "Tandel" as Release Date Approaches

The Akkineni family is generating buzz with their latest film, **"Tandel"**, featuring the talented Naga Chaitanya alongside Sai Pallavi. As the second collaboration between this popular pair, expectations are high, especially with the film being helmed by the promising young director Chandu Mondeti.

Fans of the Akkineni clan have been eagerly awaiting the film's release, which has been in production for an extended period. Recent discussions suggest that **"Tandel"** is set for release in December, but there's growing speculation about a potential debut during the Sankranti festival season. With Sankranti being a lucrative time for film releases, Akkineni fans are keen for the film to hit theaters around this festive period.

The Akkineni family has enjoyed a successful track record during the Sankranti season, and there's a collective desire for **"Tandel"** to be part



of that legacy. Fans are clamoring for an official announcement regarding the release date, along with a promotional poster that would clarify the film's launch plans.

Produced by Bunny Vasu under the Geetha Arts 2 banner, **"Tandel"** promises to be a significant entry in the filmography of both Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi. The film's production team is expected to provide updates soon, which will undoubtedly heighten anticipation among viewers.

As the release date draws near, the excitement surrounding **"Tandel"** continues to grow. With its promising cast and crew, the film has the potential to make a substantial impact at the box office, especially if it aligns with the festive spirit of Sankranti. Fans are hopeful for an official announcement soon, confirming their wishes for a timely release that coincides with this vibrant celebration.

Nandamuri Kalyan Ram Gears Up for 21st Film

Nandamuri Kalyan Ram is making waves not just as a hero but also as a producer involved in multiple high-profile projects. Currently riding high on the success of his brother Jr. NTR's blockbuster **"Devara,"** Kalyan Ram is set to star in another major film that marks the 21st entry in his illustrious career. Directed by Pradeep Chilukuri, this action-packed venture is generating significant excitement among fans.

Recent updates reveal that the production team has relocated to Vizag for a crucial filming schedule. This segment is vital for the film's storyline, and it will feature key action sequences that are expected to elevate the film's overall appeal. The Vizag schedule will last for 15 days, allowing the cast and crew to focus on delivering some thrilling moments on screen.

Sai Manjrekar has been cast as the female lead alongside Kalyan Ram, adding to the film's allure. With Ajanish Loknath handling the music, expectations are high for a compelling soundtrack that complements the intense action sequences.

As the production progresses, fans are eager for more updates on this ambitious project. The combination of Kalyan Ram's talent, a promising director, and a solid supporting cast positions this film as a noteworthy addition to the action genre in Telugu cinema.

With this Vizag schedule underway, Kaly-



an Ram's upcoming film is poised to create a significant impact upon its release, further establishing him as a versatile actor and producer in the industry. Enthusiasts are anticipating more announcements, including trailers and teasers, to get a glimpse of what this exciting new film has to offer.